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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The tentative Microsoft settlement should be enacted at the end of January. The onslaught of this attack against Microsoft has stifled productivity in the technology markets. The enactment of this settlement, conversely, will increase confidence in the tech sector. With the recent recession causing layoffs in every industry, now is the time to finalize this settlement.

Further the settlement has many points that will benefit members of the tech industry. Under the terms of the agreement Microsoft will now provide for the disclosure of protocols that are internal to the Windows system. This will enable developers to create software that is more compatible with the Windows system.

I encourage the Justice Department to enact this settlement.

Sincerely,

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